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TAGS: PINT, TU

SUBJECT: ECEVIT RALLY CONDUCTED PEACEFULLY

REF: ISTANBUL 1873

1. BULENT ECEVIT, INITIALLY RATHER GRIM, ENTERED ISTANBUL'S TAKSIM SQUARE TO TUMULTUOUS GREETING BY ASSEMBLED CROWD ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN 200,000 PEOPLE. WARMING TO HIS RECEPTION, RPP LEADER DELIVERED ROUSING ONE HOUR SPEECH WHICH WAS RECEIVED WITH WILD ENTHUSIASM BY SLOGAN-CHANTING CROWD COMPOSED OF CROSS-SECTION OF ISTANBUL POPULACE. MEMBERS OF CITY'S INTELLIGENTSIA AND ECONOMIC ELITE WERE CRAMMED SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH STEEL WORKERS AND GARBAGE COLLECTORS. ECEVIT DESCRIBED FACT THAT RALLY TOOK PLACE IN FACE OF ELECTION AUTHORITIES' OBJECTIONS AS "DECISION OF THE PEOPLE". AT CONCLUSION OF HIS ADDRESS, ECEVIT ORDERED RPP MARSHALLS TO REMAIN IN TAKSIM UNTIL LAST CITIZEN HAD SAFELY DEPARTED. AS RALLY PARTICIPANTS FILED OUT OF SQUARE IN ORDERLY MANNER, TENSION WHICH HAD BEEN EVIDENT AT BEGINNING OF GATHERING HAD GIVEN WAY TO FESTIVE, JUBILANT ATMOSPHERE.

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2. DESPITE WIDESPREAD FEAR THAT ECEVIT'S LAST APPEARANCE IN WESTERN TURKEY WOULD ERUPT IN VIOLENCE, AUTHORITIES' EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS (REFTTEL) AND STRENGTH OF RPP ORGANIZATION WHICH ENFORCED RIGOROUS DISCIPLINE ON ITS RANK AND FILE, MADE IT ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL AFFAIR. COMPARED WITH DEMIREL RALLY ON JUNE 1, WHICH WAS RESPECTABLE ALTHOUGH NOT OVERWHELMING SHOWING, ECEVIT'S

"TOUR DE FORCE" CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT ISTANBUL IS RPP TOWN.

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